

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing particularized billing services, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a client for whom a bill is to be produced, and performing the following operations within a local, expanded, or global computing environment;

extracting a list of software objects from a library of objects, each object being operative to generate a predefined bill format with specific fields for the selected client;

invoking at least one of the software objects to collect data pertinent to the client and to the specific fields in the bill format; and

producing the bill having the defined bill format, with the data collected for the selected client in the appropriate fields.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a portion of the collected data is correlated to more than one of the specific fields in the bill format.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the collected data further comprises detailed information pertinent to a billing account of the client.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of segmenting the detailed information into different portions of the bill.

5. - 7. (Canceled)

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing rating services.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing tax services.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of selecting a language in which to produce the bill and converting all correlated data to the selected language prior to generating the bill.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[13]] 1, wherein the defined bill format further comprises a closing bill.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[13]] 1, further comprising the step of producing a duplicate bill.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the defined bill format further comprises a corrected bill image.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein producing the bill further comprises one or more of the following: presenting a bill image on a display device, printing a bill, sending a bill via email, and sending a bill via facsimile.

18. (Previously Presented) An automated system for generating particularized bills, the system comprising:

a billing control application;

a billing server application receiving instructions from the billing control application pertinent to a bill having a predetermined format for a client; and

one or more client usage data sources from which data pertinent to the predetermined format and to the specific client are retrieved and used to generate a bill having content particularized for that

client.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, further comprising an error correction module used in conjunction with the billing control application and the billing server application.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the billing server application further comprises interactive and batch functionality.

21. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 18, further comprising a rating component.

22. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 18, further comprising a taxing component.

23. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 18, further comprising an instant messaging component.